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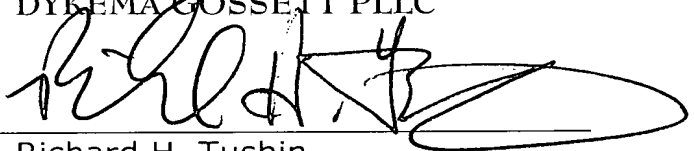
By this Amendment claim 1 has been amended to include the language of claim 7¹, claims 3 and 4 have been amended into independent form (to include the language of claims 1 and 2), and claims 2 and 5-7 have been canceled. As such, it is believed that this application is in an immediately allowable form.

The applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application to continue the prosecution of one or more of the canceled claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The "second period of time" has been redefined as "less than 10 msec" in conformity with the specification at page 5, lines 3-4. Note that the phrase "viz. the reciprocal of 100 Hz" refers to "10 msec" and is not in some way limiting to the phrase "less than 10 msec." The term "viz." means "namely."

Viz.



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Viz. (also rendered **viz** without a full stop) and the adverb **videlicet** are used as synonyms for "namely", "that is to say", and "as follows".

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Background

Viz. is an abbreviation of **videlicet**, which itself is a contraction from Latin of "videre licet" meaning "it is permitted to see."^[1]^[2]^[3] Both forms introduce a specification or description of something stated earlier; this is often a list preceded by a colon (:). Although both forms survive in English, **viz.** is far more common than **videlicet**.

A similar expression is **scilicet**, abbreviated as **sc.**, which is Latin for "it is permitted to know". *Viz.* is usually used to elaborate or detail text which precedes it, while *sc.* provides a parenthetic clarification, removes an ambiguity, or supplies a word omitted in preceding text. In legal usage, **scilicet** often appears abbreviated as **SS.** or **§** in a caption providing a statement of venue and is read as "to wit".^[4]

- **Viz.** is usually read aloud as "that is", "namely", or "to wit",^[5] but is sometimes pronounced as /vɪz/.
[*citation needed*]
- **Videlicet** is pronounced /vɪˈdɛlɪsɛt/ or /wɪˈdɛɪlɪkɛt/.^[5]
- **Scilicet** can be read as "namely," "to wit," or "that is to say," or pronounced /ˈsɪlɪsɛt/ or /ˈskiːlɪkɛt/.
[6]

Etymology and original usage

Viz. is the medieval scribal abbreviation for *videlicet*. It is the letters *v* and *i* followed by the common medieval Latin contraction for *et* and *-et*, which was a glyph, **ꝥ**, similar in appearance to the numeral 3 or the Middle English letter yogh (**ȝ**) although it was not related to either.^[note 1]

Videlicet is a contraction of Classical Latin *vidēre licet*, which meant "it may be seen, evidently, clearly" (*vidēre*, to see; *licet*, third person singular present tense of *licēre*, to be permitted). In Latin, *videlicet* was used to confirm a previous sentence or to state its contrary.

Examples

- The main point of his speech, viz. that our attitude was in fact harmful, was not understood.
- My grandfather had four sons that grew up, viz.: Thomas, John, Benjamin and Josiah.^[7]

In contradistinction to i.e. and e.g., viz. is used to indicate a detailed description of something stated before, and when it precedes a list of group members, it implies (near) completeness. Example:

- The noble gases, viz. helium, neon, argon, xenon, krypton and radon, show a non-expected behaviour when exposed to this new element.

Notes

1. ^ According to E. Cobham Brewer 1810–1897. Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, the same abbreviation mark was used for habet (hab□) and omnibus (omnib□).

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